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of women and children in developing countries.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 29, 1993

Mr. McDERMOTT (for himself, Mr. EMERSON, Mr. MFUME, Mrs. MORELLA,  
and Ms. McKINNEY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to  
the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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## A BILL

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the health of women and children in developing countries.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “International Woman  
5       and Child Health Act of 1993”.

6       **SEC. 2. IMMUNIZATION PROGRAMS FOR DEVELOPING**  
7       **COUNTRIES.**

8       For each of the fiscal years 1994 through 1996, Unit-  
9       ed States contributions to international organizations  
10      (such as the United Nations Children’s Fund and the

1 World Health Organization) and nongovernmental organi-  
2 zations for programs to immunize people in high-mortality  
3 countries for diseases such as measles and polio, shall be  
4 at least \$100,000,000 greater than the amount of such  
5 contributions for fiscal year 1993.

6 **SEC. 3. MATERNAL AND CHILD VITAMIN A, IRON, AND**  
7 **IODINE PROGRAMS FOR DEVELOPING COUN-**  
8 **TRIES.**

9 For each of the fiscal years 1994 through 1996, the  
10 United States shall provide—

11 (1) at least \$28,000,000 for vitamin A  
12 supplementation and fortification programs, and

13 (2) at least \$22,000,000 for iodine and iron  
14 supplementation and fortification programs for preg-  
15 nant women,

16 in addition to amounts currently being provided for child  
17 survival and maternal health programs under part I of the  
18 Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (relating to economic as-  
19 sistance programs, including the economic support fund)  
20 and under the Agricultural Trade Development and As-  
21 sistance of 1954 (relating to food assistance programs).

22 **SEC. 4. HEALTH CARE WORKERS IN DEVELOPING COUN-**  
23 **TRIES.**

24 For each of the fiscal years 1994 through 1996, the  
25 Agency for International Development shall ensure that

1 at least the equivalent of an additional \$100,000,000  
2 (using parallel market exchange rates when those rates  
3 differ from official exchange rates) in local currencies  
4 made available under foreign assistance programs is used  
5 to provide training, compensation, and other support for  
6 maternal and child health workers in developing countries,  
7 in addition to amounts currently being used for such  
8 purpose.

9 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

10 There are authorized to be appropriated such sums  
11 as may be necessary to carry out the preceding sections  
12 of this Act.

13 **SEC. 6. OFFSETTING REDUCTION IN MILITARY ASSISTANCE**  
14 **PROGRAMS.**

15 In order to provide funding to carry out the preceding  
16 sections of this Act without increasing the overall foreign  
17 assistance budget, United States military assistance pro-  
18 grams for each of the fiscal years 1994 through 1996 shall  
19 be reduced to a level that is at least \$150,000,000 less  
20 than the amount requested by the President for such pro-  
21 grams for fiscal year 1994.

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